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METHODS AND APPARATUS FOR IMPROVED FLUID CONTROL

UTILIZING A U-VALVE EMPLOYING A BIDIRECTIONAL CHECK VALVE

Group:

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Please amend the above identified application as follows:

In the Specification

Page 1, before the first line, insert:

-- This is a division of application Serial Number 09/283,126 filed on March 31, 1999.--

In the Claims

Please cancel claims 1-27 and 31/35 without prejudice.

Please add the following new claims